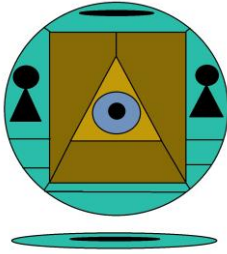


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Complete Hermetic Symbols and Their Meanings

I. Core Philosophical & Esoteric Symbols

Caduceus: A winged staff with two serpents, symbolizing balance between dualities such as masculine/feminine and spiritual/material. Represents spiritual awakening and the flow of divine energy.

Ouroboros: A serpent eating its own tail, signifying the eternal cycle of life, death, and rebirth, and the self-sustaining nature of the universe.

Ankh: An Egyptian cross with a loop at the top, symbolizing life, immortality, and the union of male and female principles.

All-Seeing Eye: An eye often set within a triangle or rays of light, representing divine omniscience, spiritual awareness, and the higher self.

Rose Cross: A cross with a rose at the center, representing the unfolding of spiritual consciousness and the unity of the divine and human.

Hermetic Axiom ('As Above, So Below'): A foundational Hermetic principle expressing the idea that the microcosm (human) reflects the macrocosm (cosmos).

II. Alchemical Symbols

Sulfur (☿): Represents the soul, associated with the principle of activity, volatility, and transformation.

Mercury (☿): Stands for spirit, the connecting element between body and soul; also represents fluidity and adaptability.

Salt (☿): Symbolizes the body or matter; the principle of preservation and physical existence.

Earth (♁): Element of stability, grounding, and the material plane.

Water (☵): Element of emotion, intuition, and the unconscious.

Air (☴): Element of intellect, logic, and communication.

Fire (☲): Element of energy, transformation, and purification.

Aether: The 'fifth element', spirit or divine essence that binds and transcends the other four elements.

Philosopher's Stone: Mythical alchemical substance representing spiritual perfection and enlightenment.

III. Planetary Metals & Celestial Bodies

☼ **Gold (Sun):** Symbol of perfection, divinity, and the fully realized self.

☾ **Silver (Moon):** Reflects intuition, the subconscious, and emotional purity.

☿ **Mercury:** Represents duality, communication, and transformative processes.

♀ **Copper (Venus):** Emblem of love, beauty, and balance.

♂ **Iron (Mars):** Associated with strength, conflict, and masculine force.

♃ **Tin (Jupiter):** Symbol of growth, wisdom, and benevolence.

♄ **Lead (Saturn):** Denotes limitation, time, and introspection.

IV. Sacred Geometry & Structural Symbols

Pentagram: A five-pointed star symbolizing human beings and the balance of the five elements.

Hexagram: Two interlocking triangles, signifying the harmony between spirit and matter.

Flower of Life: A pattern of overlapping circles symbolizing the structure of creation and the unity of all things.

Quincunx: Four points arranged in a square with a fifth at the center, representing balance and wholeness.

Golden Mean (Φ): Mathematical ratio symbolizing aesthetic harmony found in nature and the universe.

Triangle: Represents trinity (body, mind, spirit) and direction toward higher awareness.

Circle: Symbol of eternity, unity, and the infinite nature of the universe.

Cube: A 3D square symbolizing the material world and stability.

V. Kabbalistic and Hermetic-Mystic Symbols

Tree of Life: Diagram of 10 interconnected spheres representing the divine structure of the cosmos and human soul.

Tetragrammaton (YHWH): The four-letter name of God in Hebrew; represents divine essence and creation.

Aleph (א): First letter of the Hebrew alphabet; symbolizes divine unity and the breath of life.

VI. Esoteric Tools & Initiation Symbols

Mirror: Tool for self-reflection and inner truth.

Skull: Memento mori; reminder of mortality and transformation.

Hourglass: Symbol of the passage of time and urgency of spiritual work.

Scythe: Symbol of death and cutting away of illusion or ego.

Labyrinth: Metaphor for the spiritual journey and the search for inner truth.

Lamen: Magical pendant worn over the heart, representing spiritual authority or intent.

VII. Composite and Arcane Sigils

Monas Hieroglyphica: Complex glyph created by John Dee, integrating symbols of the elements and planets to represent cosmic unity.

Unicursal Hexagram: A six-pointed star drawn in one line, symbolizing unity of dualities and continuity of creation.

VIII. Additional Hermetic Symbols

Alpha and Omega (ΑΩ): Greek letters representing the beginning and the end; symbolizing totality and divine eternal presence.

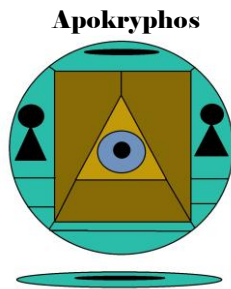
Tetractys: Triangular figure of 10 points representing cosmic order and Pythagorean mysticism.

Seal of Solomon: Six-pointed star symbolizing wisdom, protection, and the union of opposites.

Sun Cross (☉): A circle with a cross, representing solar power, cycles of time, and the four directions.

Tabula Smaragdina Emblem: Symbolic of the Emerald Tablet's teachings on unity between the spiritual and physical worlds.

Zodiac Man (Homo Signorum): Astrological diagram linking zodiac signs to body parts, reflecting cosmic influence on the human being.



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